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## LinkMichigan and Libraries: What's the Connection?

by Jo Budler, Deputy State Librarian

The connection between libraries and LinkMichigan is broadband. Without high speed and reliable Internet connections, all of the information on the Internet and in the databases and ebooks provided through AccessMichigan is a moot point. If the residents of Michigan are unable to access this information at their libraries or from their homes, it does not matter to them how much information we are providing; they cannot reach it.

Launched in May 2001, LinkMichigan's goal is to transform Michigan's telecommunications infrastructure into one of the most robust and advanced in the nation. The project's four-step approach includes aggregating statewide telecommunication purchases to create a high-speed backbone, implementing taxing and permitting fairness, increasing access to information about the telecommunication infrastructure that exists in Michigan, and providing funds for regional telecommunication planning of last (or is it first?) mile solutions.

The LinkMichigan Regional Telecommunications Planning Program will help local communities plan the infrastructure needed in their areas. A statewide kickoff meeting was held on December 4th in East Lansing. Attendees learned more about LinkMichigan, how to apply for planning assistance grants, and how other innovative regions around the state and country have acted to improve local telecommunications infrastructure.

### This element of the LinkMichigan strategy will:

Provide regional planning grants so that local communities can develop their own last mile telecommunication solutions.

Encourage these regional initiatives to link or leverage their local strategies to the statewide backbone initiative.

Encourage communities to identify and remove existing barriers to new telecommunications investment.

Libraries are a very important and integral part of their communities. As such, they need to be involved in the regional planning grants from the very beginning. For additional information about regional planning grants, go to:

<http://linkmichigan.michigan.org/regional.html>

Governor Engler says in his open letter to the citizens of Michigan (<http://www.Michigan.gov>), "Schools need broadband to provide online advanced learning opportunities to our children, no matter where they live." Libraries provide these same lifelong learning opportunities to the residents of all ages in communities across Michigan. Let us make certain that libraries are included in the planning of the infrastructure and delivery of the broadband they need.



# Serials Vendor Report

by Kimberly J. Laird, Acquisitions, Documents and Serials Team Leader

As you read this, the Acquisitions & Serials part of the Acquisitions, Documents and Serials (ADS) team at the Library of Michigan will have completed the first phase of changing to a new serials vendor. Due to service concerns, one of our highest criteria was to find a vendor with a good service background and excellent quality of service. As well, we needed to find a vendor that could be successful with obtaining small publishing house publications, such as those often produced by local genealogy and local Michigan history groups.

Prior to selecting vendors for review, we interviewed representatives from WT Cox, EBSCO, FAXON (*Rowe.com*, now purchased by *divine. inc.*). Based on face to face interviews with the above vendors, we revised our ongoing Request For Proposals process to more clearly compose direct questions to gain the most complete and appropriate information for making our decision.

The following staff at the Library of Michigan dealt with the Request For Proposals process: administrative staff, Business Services staff, the serials librarian, the ADS team leader, and the head of Technical Services. Legal staff reviewed the initial document and made comments geared toward protecting our interests. After several rounds of revisions, the Request for Proposals document was placed on our website, so that all interested serials vendors could gain access to this document. Copies were mailed to the vendors that we met with earlier. A firm deadline of six to eight weeks was issued to the vendors for responses. We also clearly indicated the timeline for informing vendors of our decision.

Each of the Requests for Proposals we received came in right on the last day of the deadline. At this point, we were faced with going through a three-foot high stack of paper and trying to come to consensus as a group. In order to facilitate our discussion and comparison of the vendor responses, Terence Rose (serials librarian) and Kim Laird put together a spreadsheet to collate all vendor information side-by-side for the most direct comparison. For a copy of the spreadsheet, please contact Kim Laird at [klaird@library-ofmichigan.org](mailto:klaird@library-ofmichigan.org). The spreadsheet is in Excel format and will be electronically mailed to you.

Based on the information from the spreadsheet, it was decided to send all newspaper orders to W. T. Cox and all periodical orders (including genealogy and local Michigan publications) to EBSCO.

At this date, we are starting to convert our Innovative Interfaces, Inc. order records and check-in records to EBSCO. As part of the process, coding will be placed in the records to facilitate electronic invoice loading. Electronic claiming has already been set up, and will take place when the EBSCO records are fully loaded.

This month's issue of *Access* is centered on the theme "Love Your Library: Fundraising Ideas." It seems that no matter what type of library, what area of the state, or what economic cycle we are in, funding issues are a part of our lives. I recall a library director who told me many years ago that her job was to run the library and not to ask for the money to pay for it. This may have been true then, but that clear distinction between serving the community and funding the services cannot be drawn today. Whether we agree or not, libraries have a huge part in informing the community and funding authorities about the revenue needs of our institutions. Libraries are worth funding and when we advocate for more resources, we are actually advocating for the needs of the people we serve.

You will find that we have gathered funding ideas in this issue that may assist all libraries. These ideas range from recruiting porcelain angels to holding spelling bees, complete with a library director dressed as a giant bumblebee! (For complete details, see the article on pages 7 and 8.)

Publius Syrus (42 BC) is attributed with the quote "money alone sets all the world in motion." While Publius may not be completely correct in his sweeping statement, money is definitely a factor in keeping the library in motion!

Thanks.

*Kim Laird*



# Law Books for the Layman: (What) Should You Buy?

by Nancy B. Whitmer, Law Librarian

Your library may have a directory of lawyers or courts, or books containing biographical sketches of Supreme Court justices, or even a legal dictionary. But do you have books about the law itself? And have you ever thought you needed some? In other words, have you had patrons ask for help with personal legal matters? Have they come to you with issues in domestic relations, real estate, employment, health, contracts, personal injury and so forth? Have they asked what their rights are, what recourse they have, what legal form they need, how to fill out a form, or whether there's a law that would solve their legal problem?



Sometimes there IS a law that applies - that is, a statute that you can find in the Michigan Compiled Laws online (<http://www.michiganlegislature.org/law>) or in print. For example, you can find supermarket scanners (445.360a), body piercing (333.13102), the Michigan minimum wage (408.384) and right turn on red (257.612). For more about the Michigan Compiled Laws, see the October and December, 2001, issues of *Access*.

Much of the law, however, is not statutory; it has been developed by the courts, not the legislature. It is known as case law, and the answers to many legal questions are found there. The published case law of Michigan is contained in over 700 volumes and, of course, it is growing! What if you don't have shelf space for all that?

That's where law books for the layman come in. By the way, there are law websites for the layman, too, but that's a future article. In response to the general public's overwhelming demand for easier access to legal information, several print publishers have produced series of books about the law of domestic relations, real estate, employment and many other topics, in laymen's language. Before purchasing, you should know some of their characteristics.

If you acquire a book about employment law, for example, typically it will cover the entire field in a couple hundred pages. It will be a general discussion based on the statutes and case law from around the country, and may include such topics as hiring, training, civil rights issues, ADA issues, hours, compensation, safety and termination. Keep in mind that the more general the information, the less helpful it may be to your patrons.

The typical volume does not discuss Michigan law. Michigan patrons are likely to need the law in force in this state, but they're not necessarily getting it from a book of national scope. SOME of the law in SOME subject areas is fairly uniform from state to state. The trick is knowing which.

Finally, the typical volume is updated with a new edition every few years at best. With legislatures enacting statutes and courts deciding cases all the time, a book copyrighted two or three years ago may be outdated.

As long as you understand these limitations, a general book about the law can be useful in showing how major legal issues in a certain subject area are being decided around the country. It might inspire the reader to visit a law library for further research, or perhaps to seek the help of a lawyer.

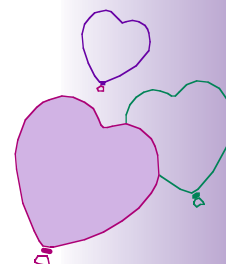
Once you have decided to collect books about the law, how do you find out what's available? A helpful source is *Law for the Layperson: An Annotated Bibliography of Self-Help Law Books*, 2nd ed., by Jean Sinclair McKnight, published in 1997 by Rothman & Company. Though already dated, it does introduce you to some of the major series and other books, as well. The organization is by topic and then by state.

## *The following series are worth a look:*

Probably the best known are the Nolo books, covering a variety of everyday legal situations from living together to credit repair to relations with neighbors. Browse this product line at [www.nolo.com](http://www.nolo.com). Click on Law Store and then on Books.

The Oceana Publications' Legal Almanac Series of about 50 titles is equally focused on the needs of the layman. View it at [www.oceanalaw.com](http://www.oceanalaw.com). Click on Subject Index (on the left) and then on United States Law for the Layperson.

The American Civil Liberties Union has a series of about twenty ACLU Guides focusing on the individual rights of prisoners, the poor, public employees and women, among other things. Go to [www.aclu.org](http://www.aclu.org). Click on The Store, then on Book Store and then scroll down the page.





## J. Lawrence Lipton— Giving In Tribute to My Dad

by Sarah Watkins,  
Executive Director of the Library of Michigan Foundation



Larry Lipton

*“I’ve always been fascinated with investments. Combining investing with philanthropy and helping others learn how they can receive an income from assets that they give to their favorite charities has added enormous fulfillment to my life.”*

J. Lawrence Lipton

Larry Lipton is a soft-spoken man, a man of quiet conviction and strength of purpose. He brings wisdom, attention to detail and dedication to his every endeavor. He is a person who can be relied upon and one who supports what he believes in. One thing that he firmly believes in is the Library of Michigan Foundation. He also believes in charitable giving and planning for the future.

Larry’s father, Howard Lipton, was a founding board member of the Library of Michigan Foundation. After Howard’s death in 1998, it became especially important to Larry as a tribute to his dad, to continue to support and promote the Library of Michigan and the Foundation. “Dad loved reading, books, education and government. He worked very hard in the 1980s to build support for the new state library building and was thrilled when it opened.” The opening ceremony for the Library of Michigan took place on November 21, 1988.

Larry joined the Library of Michigan Foundation board two years ago. As a board member, Foundation treasurer, and chair of the Finance Committee, Larry’s considerable knowledge and the experience gained through 20 years with Salomon Smith Barney in Southfield make him a valuable asset to the Foundation.

Early in his career path, Larry was a teacher and a counselor. His counseling skills have served him well as he moved first to Merrill Lynch in 1977, and then to Salomon Smith Barney in 1981. He believes in helping his clients to identify and clarify their investment goals and financial needs. He puts strong emphasis on education, communication and understanding. “That teamwork,” he says, “allows us to do a better job constructing portfolios that are customized to the client’s specific needs, objectives and circumstances.”

“A couple of years ago, the stars all lined up,” states Larry. “I was in the process of converting to an advisory business with my clients. About the same time, Salomon Smith Barney merged with Citibank to form Citigroup, providing a strong Philanthropic Services and Trust division in addition to an already strong Investment Management and Consulting Group.”

Larry is active in the National Committee for Planned Giving, Leave-A-Legacy, and several other professional philanthropic organizations. Larry is also very involved on the program committee of the Economic Club of Detroit, which presents a forum for the exchange of ideas among leaders of business, government and community organizations.

Recently, Larry established the Larry Lipton Family Fund through which he supports a variety of charities, including the Library of Michigan, Focus: Hope, The Leonard Woodcock collection of the Walter Reuther Library at Wayne State University, and the New York Firefighters and Police Widows & Children’s Fund.

*Larry lives in Bloomfield Hills with his wife, Susan, who works at Oakland Community College. His son, Jeremy, is an automotive engineer at Roush Industries and lives in Birmingham. His son, Richard, is a computer major at Miami University of Ohio.*

*(Law Books for the Layman, Continued from page 3)*

The American Bar Association has a short series of guides to the law of home ownership, small business and several more topics. See them at [www.randomhouse.com](http://www.randomhouse.com). Click on Full Catalog. Then search for key words “aba guide.”

West Group publishes over 100 titles in their Nutshell Series, written primarily for lawyers and law students but certainly used by a wider audience. For an alphabetical list, go to [store.westgroup.com](http://store.westgroup.com) and search “nutshell.”

Michigan is fortunate to have an excellent line of books published by the (Michigan) Institute of Continuing Legal

education (ICLE) and intended to help with the practice of law. There are titles on about 60 different topics, written by Michigan lawyers and updated annually. So if you want to provide more relevance and depth, you might try an ICLE title in an area where you get questions, as long as you can afford the annual upkeep. Go to [www.icle.org](http://www.icle.org). Click on Books, then click on a topic (at left). Then scroll down until you see the list of book titles.

Remember that the Library of Michigan Law Library welcomes your requests for advice on where to direct a patron for help with a personal legal matter. Please feel free to contact us at 517-373-0630 or toll-free at 1-877-479-0021.



# Reading Yesterday's News Tomorrow

by Kevin Driedger, Michigan Newspaper Project

It is an experience I'm sure many of us have had: a patron spends the afternoon doing genealogical research with our bound newspaper collection and we find the table littered with the confetti-like fragments of newspaper.

Local newspapers are important records of our past that we want to protect for the future. Ensuring our patrons' continuing access to this news is a concern for many of us. However, printing the news in a medium that will stand up to the ravages of time has not been a concern for the many in the newspaper industry. Newspapers are produced to be read today, and trashed (or preferably recycled) tomorrow.

Newsprint from 1870 onward was made with wood pulp that has an inherent vice causing it to break down and turn yellow. There is little one can do to restore this paper, and so our goals are to slow the aging process and preserve the content.

## The following are some suggestions to better preserve your newspaper collection:

**Environment** – Newspapers like cool, dark and relatively dry environments. Unfortunately, few of us have the resources to give newspapers exactly what they want and compromises will be made. As much as possible, store the newspaper in the “open” position.

**Wrapped or boxed** – One of the easiest ways to help preserve your newspapers is to wrap or box them. Both techniques achieve the goal of a dark environment as well as creating a microclimate that protects the newspapers from sudden environmental changes. Wrapping or boxing also keeps together the pieces of the increasingly brittle paper. Wrapping, while inexpensive, is not practical for frequently used newspapers.

**Clippings** – The most effective way to preserve the content of newspaper clippings is to photocopy them onto acid free paper. Where you wish to retain the original, you should place it in a polyester folder with an alkaline-buffered paper.

**Deacidification** – This method of dealing with acidic paper removes the acid and adds an alkaline buffer. It will not, however, restore brittle, yellowed paper. It is advised to consult a conservator before implementing any deacidification project.

**Microfilming** – Although last in this list, preservation microfilming should be one of your first concerns. A microfilm copy preserves the content of the newspaper on a stable medium. Properly handled and stored, microfilm is expected to last hundreds of years.

For more information check out the Resources for Preserving Newspapers links on the Michigan Newspaper Project web page <http://libraryofmichigan.org/services/usnewsproj.html>.

## Web Site-ings

by: Lucy Roebrig, Public Services Librarian,  
Library of Michigan



### African American History Month

(please note: links were all active as of 12/19/01)

#### The following are sites having to do with African American history & heritage:

About.com- African-American History Page  
<http://afroamhistory.about.com/mbody.htm>

African-American History & Heritage Site  
<http://www.creativefolk.com/blackhistory.html>

Afro America  
<http://www.afroam.org/>

Afro-American History (links to resources)  
<http://www.aawc.com/aah.html>

Black History Quest  
<http://blackquest.com/link.htm>

Encyclopedia Britannica Guide to Black History  
<http://blackhistory.eb.com/>

InfoPlease- Black History Month  
<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bhm1.html>

Library of Congress-African-American Odyssey  
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aaohhtml/aaohome.html>

Martin Luther King, Jr. & Black History Month  
<http://www.sat.lib.tx.us/special/1998/bhm/blackhist.htm>

Montgomery County Public Schools- African-American History Links  
[http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/socialstd/African\\_Am\\_bookmarks.html](http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/socialstd/African_Am_bookmarks.html)

National Geographic's Underground Railroad  
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/features/99/railroad/>

PBS's African American Journey  
(includes links to other PBS sites & elsewhere)  
<http://www.pbs.org/aaajourney/>

PBS's online version of Africans in America: America's Journey through Slavery  
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/>

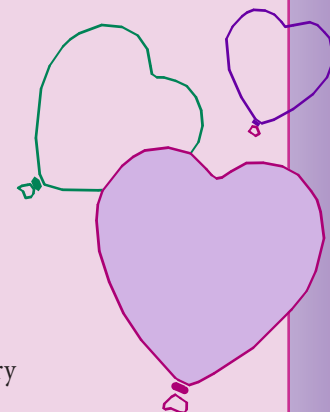
The Smithsonian Institute- African-American Resources  
<http://www.si.edu/resource/faq/nmah/afroam.htm>

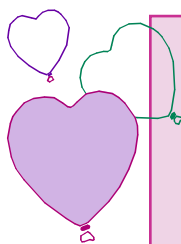
Sojourner Truth Institute  
<http://www.sojournertruth.org/>

Teaching Tools- Black History Month  
<http://www.picadome.fcps.net/lab/currl/blhistory/default.htm>

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs' Department of History  
<http://web.uccs.edu/~history/index/afroam.html>

U.S. Department of State- Gateway to African-American History  
<http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/blackhis/>





The patrons who use the services of the Upper Peninsula Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (UPLBPH) have a new reason to love their library! On October 29th UPLBPH became the sixth Michigan Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) to join the Library of Michigan's shared information technology system, CUL. CUL (Consortium of User Libraries) provides the circulation, reader enrollment and information delivery functions for registered Library for the Blind individuals and institutions. "The Library of Michigan is very pleased to have the UPLBPH participate in this system. This project continues our focus on serving our customers better by working together and sharing resources," said State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau.

The Upper Peninsula LBPH, established in 1975, had been using the stand-alone Reader Enrollment and Delivery System (READS) to circulate materials, including recorded cassettes and large print books, to registered patrons. The CUL system offers a seamless information-processing environment that connects the other five sub-regional libraries, the UPLBPH and the Library of Michigan Regional. Using the CUL system the UPLBPH now connects to a statewide database that allows for direct patron registration, immediate notification when materials are not available locally and automatic connection to interlibrary loan (ILL) functions. Best of all, this new system provides patrons with independent access to the book catalog online. "This is the first time we have been able to provide our blind and physically handicapped users with the chance to select their own materials online. Even better is the fact that they can generate a transaction that sends their selection out in the mail the next day!" said Suzanne Dees, Director of the UPLBPH.

The other members of the Michigan CUL users group are the Mideastern Michigan Talking Book Center, The Kent District LBPH, St. Clair County Library Special Technologies and Resources (STAR), Grand Traverse Area LBPH and the Muskegon County LBPH. The CUL software is also used in regional libraries in Iowa, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

# MEL's

## Internet and Computers Section Gets Questions

by Patty Curthoys, MEL Selector

As a selector for MEL's Internet & Computers section, I've tried to focus on selecting sites that help people learn more about the technology they're using. A lot of my time is spent answering questions from people who have really simple questions, but they're often too simple to be taken seriously. One person was trying to find out how to cut and paste sentences. He'd sent his question to numerous other sites on the web only to be ignored. I must admit I wondered if it was a serious question, but I answered his request and he was so grateful to be taken seriously and answered respectfully. School kids often send questions asking for information on things such as the history of computers or what Charles Babbage contributed to computers. Non-profits ask where they can get donated computers and software. Blind patrons ask where they can find listservs geared toward their needs. One person sent me the hoax about a tax being instituted for e-mails and asked if it was real. (It wasn't) But I'm not just helping people find what they need. They're helping me too. I regularly get e-mails informing me of new and valuable sites on Internet safety, computer history, freeware reviews, Macintosh computers and new browsers. I often include these sites in MEL and others benefit from their research and knowledge as well. It's neat to see our patrons taking an active interest in developing my section. I think it shows how valuable it really is.

### Internet, Computers, and Technology Sites of note:

#### Online Safety

<http://www.mel.org/internet/INET-onlinesafety.html>

#### Net Wise

<http://www.getnetwise.org/>

#### Safety Ed

<http://www.safetyed.org/>

#### Virus Information

<http://mel.org/internet/INET-virus-info.html>

#### Confused About Viruses

[http://www.zonelabs.com/CS/pastarticles/32001\\_readQ1.html](http://www.zonelabs.com/CS/pastarticles/32001_readQ1.html)

#### Technical Support Resources

<http://mel.org/internet/INET-support.html>

#### How to

<http://www.pcworld.com/hereshow/index/0,00.asp>

#### Protonic.com - Free technical support by online volunteers

<http://www.protonic.com/>

# Love Your Library: *Fundraising Ideas*

by Jo Budler, Deputy State Librarian



The first thing most people think of when you say “February” is Valentine’s Day, complete with hearts, flowers, candy, but most importantly, love. When you think love and libraries, you are right to think fundraising, for what better way for a community to show its love for its library than to raise funds for it? Gathered here are a few fundraising ideas from around the state.

## Houghton Lake Public Library

Houghton Lake Public Library director Donna Alward accepted a check for \$1,000 for literacy purposes from the Houghton Lake Wal-Mart Promotional Committee on October 23. Alward said the money will be used to acquire the SteadyReaders reading series, which features 28 book titles. This series of books combines a slowly-read audio tape which can be used along with a printed copy of the book. This is intended to help struggling readers improve their reading skills, listening comprehension and speaking skills.

## Kalamazoo Public Library

F-U-N was had by all at Kalamazoo Public Library's first annual Great Grown-up Spelling Bee, which was held at Western Michigan University's Fetzer Center. Library director Saul Amdursky helped host the event dressed as a giant bumblebee. Proceeds of almost \$17,000 will be used to purchase books to be given to children. Andrea Enyedi, Ready to Read coordinator, declared the evening a "smashing success."

## The Colon Township Library

Recently, the Friends of the Colon Township Library scheduled their first annual bazaar to benefit the library's building fund. Featured items included handmade ornaments, a baby quilt, candles, note cards, used books and much more. A canvas library bag filled with ornaments, Christmas CDs and other goodies was given away in a drawing. The bazaar coincided with other community-wide Christmas bazaars and sales.

Colon's FOL has for many years sponsored the Arts and Crafts Fair on the library lawn during Colon's annual

Magic Get-together the first week of August. The FOL also sponsors a plant sale each spring. These are the two major fundraisers for the library.

## Britton Library

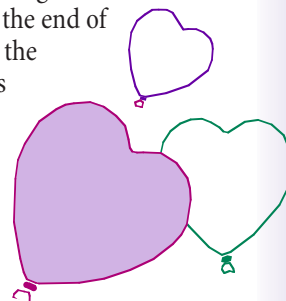
The Britton Woman's Club hosts an annual benefit euchre party. Prizes are given to the winning teams and proceeds from the “registration fees” go to the Britton Public Library.

## Gary Byker Memorial Library

In its fourth year in 2001, the Holiday Home Tour in Hudsonville featured six area homes decorated in a variety of styles, all reflecting Christmas. The event takes place on an evening (6 P.M. - 9 P.M.) and during the following day (10 A.M. - 4 P.M.) to allow the greatest number of attendees. Tickets are sold and ticket holders are free to visit the homes as many times as they want to on both days. The event has generated as much as \$1,500 for the library in previous years.

## L'Anse Public Library

The L'Anse Public Library's Friends of the Library is participating in Econo Foods' "Computers For Kids" program. The Friends group is inviting shoppers to drop off their Econo Food receipts at the library throughout the school year. Receipts will be tallied at the end of the school year, and Econo Foods will pay the library one percent of the total, with funds targeted for computers. Librarian Bill Bennett said funds received from the Econo Foods program will be used to purchase software for the library, or will be applied to future software purchases.



## Albion Public Library

The Albion Public Library held a silent auction of mixed media artwork created by local artists. Monies raised from it will go toward renovations of the Children's Room at the library. Prices in the auction range from \$10 to several hundred dollars. Dozens of area artists are involved in the auction, which features not only traditional paintings, but pottery, weaving, etching, drawing, crafts and jewelry.

Bidding is done by filling out a bidder's registration form. These forms are located at the front desk in the adult library, where all of the auctioned art is also on display. Once a bidder is signed up, he or she is assigned a number so that the bids may remain anonymous until the end of the auction.

## Manistee County Library

This year, the Friends of the Library group is selling 2002 Audubon Bird Book Calendars with illustrations taken from the library's rare edition of John James Audubon's "Bird of America." The book is one of less than 50 in existence and was reissued by J.J. Audubon's children in 1860. Manistee native T.J. Ramsdell donated the prints to the library when he was a member of the library's board of directors in 1912.

The calendar will be sold at all six locations of the Manistee County Library in Arcadia, Bear Lake, Kaleva, Onkama, Wellston and Manistee.

In addition, at the Bear Lake Library, "angels" are being recruited to help buy bookshelves for the new library under construction in Bear Lake. Every \$500 donation is worth a porcelain "angel" with the supporter's name. This angel will be fastened to a bookshelf unit. Contributors who can't afford a \$500 gift can combine their gifts with others to qualify for "angel" status. For more information please visit [www.bearlakemichigan.org](http://www.bearlakemichigan.org).

## Ideas Contributed by our Readers

### Northville District Library

*Barbara Glover, Chair, (Northville District Library Board of Trustees) wrote:*

"This fall, the Northville District Library established an endowment fund at the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan. We requested and received the requisite \$10,000 seed money from two donors who had given generously in the past. After we told one of those donors that we were looking for a way to spur the community to quickly build up the fund to a meaningful amount, he offered to match the first \$25,000 given to the

endowment! The Friends of the Library funded our direct mailing of 500 pieces, sent to all Friends members, all former donors, and to 65 or so prominent Northville businesses. Members of the Development Committee of the Board of Trustees participated in planning this "first annual" fundraising campaign. We were inspired by success stories told at MLA Conference programs by Roger Mendel, Christine Hage, and others. Thirty donors have given over \$4,000 during the first three weeks of the campaign. We have high hopes for the final three weeks of the tax year and many ideas to pursue in the future!"

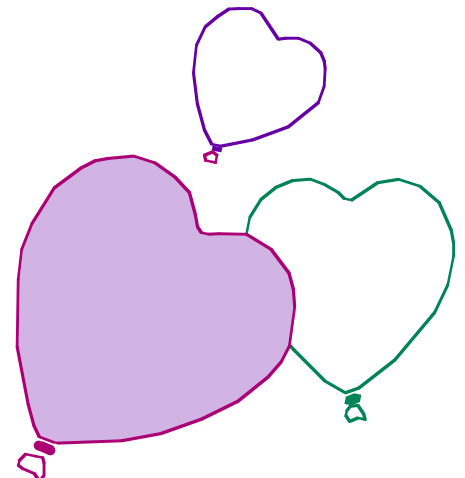
*Late-breaking news from Barbara Glover, Chair, Northville District Library Board of Trustees:*

"The end-of-the-year results show we received 61 donations totalling \$12,875, so we now have to raise less than half of the \$25,000 matching amount for next year. Our endowment donations are \$11,000 seed money plus \$12,875 donations to the foundation plus \$12,875 matching money for a grand total of \$36,750."

### Brandon Township Public Library

*Mrs. Zoe Pearson, Brandon Township Public Library wrote:*

"Charged with the responsibility of procuring art for our new library building (and no funds to do it), our art committee decided to hold a silent auction of art donated from local artists. The response to our solicitation letter and follow-up telephone call was wonderful. 45 artists donated pieces; we had flat work in all mediums, water-color acrylic, oil, pencil, chalk, silkscreen and dimensional work in fiber, clay, wood, bronze and gourds. The pieces were on display and folks could bid for the pieces one week prior to an evening reception. We were fortunate to have a lot of coverage in our two local newspapers, as well as our local cable channel. We made \$2,500 and now have the funds to commission a piece for our permanent collection."





# Cataloging Rules Recognize “Electronic Resources”

by Tim Watters, *Cataloger*

Last fall, the Joint Steering Committee for the Revision of Anglo-American Cataloging Rules replaced the contents of Chapter 9 of AACR2 in an attempt to allow libraries to create more meaningful records for electronic items in their collections. Among other changes, the phrase “electronic resource” can now be used to describe items such as websites, CD-ROMs and DVDs. Previously, catalog records were limited to the phrase “computer file,” which many found to be awkward and unclear for library patrons. The Library of Congress began implementing these new rules on December 1, 2001. These changes provide hope for those of us frustrated by the normally geologic pace of change in cataloging rules. JSC/AACR is, after all, an international committee whose members hold responsible positions in libraries in the United States, Canada, Australia and Great Britain. However, considering the rapid pace of technological improvement, it often seems that the rules are woefully slow in adopting changes. Trying to describe electronic items using the Procrustean rules for printed monographs is perhaps one of the biggest challenges for librarians as a profession (and probably contributes in part, to the old-fashioned stereotype of librarians). The 2000 Annual Report for JSC/AACR indicates a strong awareness of the issues, especially the difference between fixed, stable items such as books and dynamic, transitory items such as serials and electronic productions. The next step appears to be a new Chapter 12 entitled “Continuing Resources.”

The Library of Michigan received the new rules on CD-ROM and began implementing them immediately (we even cheated a bit and started calling things “electronic resources” before the official beginning date). For other libraries that do not subscribe to a union catalog such as OCLC, the Library of Michigan has added a “MARC Display” button to the bibliographic record screen of our online catalog. This will allow those who are interested to see how we coded the record for a particular item.

## Great GASB!

by Karrie Waarala, *Continuing Education Specialist*

No one is excited about it, but Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 is here to stay. The statement, entitled “Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments,” requires sweeping changes to the way governments prepare and present their financial statements. The Library of Michigan will be administering a workshop presented by Plante & Moran to help librarians and trustees make sense of the new requirements. The workshop will last from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and will be held on the following dates at these locations:

Tuesday, April 23	Albion Public Library, Albion
Thursday, April 25	Brandon Township Public Library, Ortonville
Tuesday, April 30	Peter White Public Library, Marquette
Wednesday, May 1	Mackinaw Area Public Library, Mackinaw City
Thursday, May 2	Cadillac-Wexford County Public Library, Cadillac

The Library of Michigan will offer .5 CEUs for attendance at this workshop. A registration brochure will be mailed in the future and the Library of Michigan web site will offer further details. This workshop is funded with a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. There is a \$10 registration fee (lunch included). For more information please contact Naomi Krefman at [nkrefman@libraryofmichigan.org](mailto:nkrefman@libraryofmichigan.org) or 517-373-5510 (toll free 877-479-0021).



# *A Full Calendar at the Library of Michigan*

***The new calendar brings another year for both the Library of Michigan's Abrams Genealogy Series and the Learning More @ the Library of Michigan series of patron training sessions.***

The Library of Michigan kicks off its 2002 Abrams Genealogy Series on February 9th with "Genealogy Resources at the Michigan Library and Historical Center." Carole Callard, Genealogy Specialist at the Library of Michigan, will discuss the resources available at the Library, and David Johnson, State Archivist at the State Archives of Michigan, will provide an overview of the research materials available at the Archives. The complete 2002 schedule for the Abrams Genealogy Series is as follows:

<b>February 9</b>	Genealogy Resources at the Michigan Library and Historical Center
<b>April 13</b>	Using the Michigan and Michigan Documents Collections for Genealogical Research
<b>June 22</b>	Genealogy and the Internet
<b>August 10</b>	Military Records
<b>October 12</b>	French Canadian Resources
<b>December 7</b>	Naturalization Records and Resources

Each 90-minute session begins at 9:30 a.m. and costs \$10 individually or \$50 for the entire series; handouts and a tour of the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection are also included. All sessions are held in the Michigan Library Historical Center Forum. Please visit the Library's web site at <http://www.libofmich.lib.mi.us/genealogy/genealogy.html> for additional information, or call Randy Riley or Carole Callard at (517) 373-1300, or toll-free at (877) 479-0021.

The Library's 2002 calendar is also full with a series of training sessions for patrons, called "Learning More @ the Library of Michigan." This series covers general topics of interest to our patrons, while also highlighting specific parts of the Library's special collections. The upcoming sessions in February and March include:

## **Tips for Using the Library's Equipment**

Saturday, February 2, 9:30 A.M.  
Wednesday, February 6, 3:00 P.M.

## **Using the Census, Indexes and the Soundex**

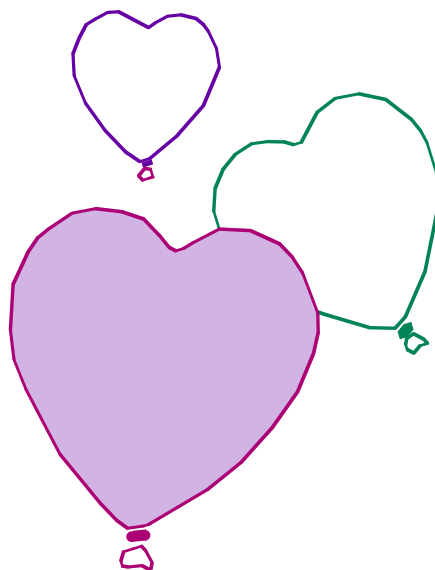
Saturday, February 23, 9:30 A.M.  
Wednesday, February 27, 3:00 P.M.

## **AncestryPlus: An Online Genealogy Resource**

Saturday, March 2, 9:30 A.M.  
Wednesday, March 6, 3:00 P.M.

## **Michigan Government Resources on the Internet**

Saturday, March 16, 9:30 A.M.  
Wednesday, March 20, 3:00 P.M.



Each 60-minute session is free and is held in the Library's Lake Erie Training Center. The complete 2002 schedule is available at the Library's web site. For additional information regarding the "Learning More @ the Library of Michigan" series, please contact the Library's Public Services Division at (517) 373-1300.

***Come "Learn More" @ the Library of Michigan!***

## Students Can Get Free Harmonicas

Free harmonicas went to the first 50 middle school of high school students to register for a special Blues Harmonica Workshop at the Williamston Branch Library. In conjunction with the giveaway, Don Cadwell of the Capital Area Blues Society conducted the workshop, giving a short history of the blues from the Mississippi River Delta to Chicago.

## Library Wins Public Relations Prize

The Ann Arbor District Library received the Michigan Library Association's 2001 John P. Rummel Best of the Best public relations award, sharing the award this year with Monroe County Library.

The award was named in recognition of the late John Rummel, the Library of Michigan's veteran public information officer and is given to the Michigan library demonstrating the best overall public relations efforts in the state.

## 112th Million Request

Judy Eastland is a solo librarian at the Michigan Molecular Institute Library. She works 3 1/2 days per week at this special library. However, Judy tells us, "I submitted the 112th million ILL to OCLC in October. OCLC was very impressed that we submitted this ILL as all the 'big guys' really try to hit the milestone numbers."

Way to go, Judy.



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## Oakland County Research Library

The Oakland County Research Library announced the availability of the Pontiac Press/Oakland Press on microfilm from 1968 to the present. Purchased with the joint support of the Oakland County Library Board, Oakland County Board of Commissioners, and the Oakland County Executive, this publication is the latest addition to the local history collection being developed at the Library.

This countrywide newspaper includes much of the legal and informational documentation for Oakland County. Patrons may visit the Library to browse through the microfilm or may contact staff if they are interested in securing a copy of an article from a specific issue. There is no charge for copies sent to patrons of other libraries in Michigan.

For additional information or to request copies of articles, contact the Oakland County Research Library at 248/858-0738.



## Flat River Community Library Joins Statewide Borrowers' Card Program

Thanks to Michicard, residents of Greenville and Eureka, Fairplain and Montcalm townships now can borrow materials from more than 293 libraries across Michigan without cost.

More than half of the state's population - some 6 million people - now can use this card which saves time and money when traveling or vacationing.

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